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**IN THE CLAIMS**

We claim:

Claim 1. (Currently Amended): A smoking material comprising from 6 to 30% by weight of a non-polyol aerosol generator, selected from the group consisting of triethylene glycol diacetate, glycerol triacetate, glycerol diacetate or a combination thereof, ~~from about 5% up to~~ 20% by weight tobacco, binder at not more than 20% by weight and not less than 30% by weight inorganic filler.

Claims 2-3. (Canceled)

Claim 4. (Previously Presented): A smoking material according to Claim 1, wherein said non-polyol aerosol generator is present in a range of about 6% to about 20% by weight.

Claim 5. (Previously Presented): A smoking material according to Claim 4, wherein said non-polyol aerosol generator is present in a range of about 6% to about 15% by weight.

Claim 6. (Previously Presented): A smoking material according Claim 1, wherein said inorganic filler is present in said smoking material at a level of at least 35% by weight.

Claim 7. (Original): A smoking material according to Claim 6, wherein said inorganic filler is present at a level of at least 40% by weight.

Claim 8. (Original): A smoking material according to Claim 7, wherein said inorganic filler is present at a level of at least 45% by weight.

Claim 9. (Previously Presented): A smoking material according to Claim 1, wherein said tobacco in said smoking material is present at less than 15% by weight.

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- Claim 10. (Original): A smoking material according to Claim 9, wherein said tobacco is present at less than 10% by weight.
- Claim 11. (Original): A smoking material according to Claim 10, wherein said tobacco is present at less than 5% by weight.
- Claim 12. (Previously Presented): A smoking material according to Claim 1, wherein said binder in said smoking material is present at less than 15% by weight.
- Claim 13. (Original): A smoking material according to Claim 12, wherein said binder is present at less than 10% by weight.
- Claim 14. (Previously Presented): A smoking material according to Claim 1, wherein said inorganic filler is one or more of calcium carbonate, perlite, vermiculite, diatomaceous earth, colloidal silica, magnesium oxide, magnesium sulphate, magnesium carbonate or other low density inorganic filler materials.
- Claim 15. (Previously Presented): A smoking material according to Claim 1, wherein said binder is selected from an alginate, celluloses modified celluloses, starches, modified starches, natural gums or a combination thereof.
- Claim 16. (Previously Presented): A smoking material according to Claim 1, wherein said smoking material further comprises a mechanical stabilizer or strengthening material, an expansion medium or a high fat or high oil containing material.
- Claim 17. (Previously Presented): A smoking material according to Claim 16, further comprising cocoa, sugar, fibre, starch, pullulan, other polysaccharide expansion agents, foaming agents, cocoa butter, olive oil, corn oil or a combination thereof.

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Claims 18- 30.(Canceled)

Claim 31. (Previously Presented): A smoking material comprising from 6 to 30% by weight of a non-polyol aerosol generator, the total amount of aerosol generator being about 30% or less, no tobacco, binder at less than 10% by weight and not less than 30% by weight inorganic filler.

Claim 32. (Previously Presented): A smoking material consisting essentially of:

- a. an aerosol generator, being present at from about 2% to about 30% by weight, said aerosol generator comprising:
  - i. a non-polyol aerosol generator, selected from the group consisting of triethylene glycol diacetate, glycerol triacetate, glycerol diacetate or a combination thereof, said non-polyol aerosol generator being present at from about 6% to 30% by weight; and
  - ii. a polyol aerosol generator, selected from the group consisting of glycerol, triethylene glycol, propylene glycol, polyhydric acid, and ester, a high boiling point hydrocarbon, methylene glycol, methyl citrate or a combination thereof, said polyol aerosol generator being present at less than 24% by weight;
- b. tobacco, being present at less than 20% by weight;
- c. binder, being present at less than 20% by weight;
- d. inorganic filler, being present at greater than 30% by weight; and
- e. an additive selected from the group consisting of cocoa, sugar, fibre, starch, pullulan, polysaccharide expansion agents, foaming agents, cocoa butter, olive oil, corn oil, or a combination thereof, being present at less than 25% by weight.

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Claim 33. (Previously Presented): A smoking material according to claim 32, wherein said inorganic filler is selected from the group consisting of calcium carbonate, perlite, vermiculite, diatomaceous earth, colloidal silica, magnesium oxide, magnesium sulphate, magnesium carbonate, similar low density inorganic filler materials or a combination thereof.

Claim 34. (Previously Presented): A smoking article according to claim 32, wherein said binder is selected from the group consisting of an alginate, celluloses or modified celluloses, starches or modified starches, natural gums, or a combination thereof.